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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: HARKNESS BALLET PRIVATE
TOUR

REF : LOU STATE 041355 NOTAL

1. FOR POST'S INFORMATION ONLY: HARKNESS BALLET'S CURRENT
NEW YORK SEASON EVALUATED BY MEMBERS DEPT'S DANCE PANEL.
PANEL'S PREVIOUS NON-ENDORSEMENT WAS RECONFIRMED AFTER RE-
VIEWING CURRENT COMPANY. ALTHOUGH SOME DANCERS ARE GOOD
AND WELL-TRAINED, PANEL AGAIN CONCLUDED THAT REPERTOIRE IS
PERVADED BY WEAK CHOREOGRAPHY AND POOR TASTE.

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2. DEPT THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSIES DO NOT INDICATE ANY USG ENDORSEMENT OR SPONSORSHIP OF HARKNESS COMPANY. COMPANY HAS NO RPT NO OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP. NO RPT NO DEPT FUNDS OR SUPPORT GOING TO COMPANY.

3. PANEL'S EVALUATION AND DEPT'S RECOMMENDATION SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE UTILIZED LOCALLY IN WAY THAT WOULD CANCEL PRIVATE OR COMMERCIAL ENGAGEMENTS.

4. ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

JUNE 2 - 7 VIENNA VOLKSOPER
9 - 10 KIEL OPERA HOUSE

JUNE 18 - 19 STUTTGART OPERA HOUSE
25 - 26 LAUSANNE THEATRE BEAULIEU
28 GENEVA PATINOIRE
JULY 1 - 4 ISTANBUL KULTUR VE SANAT VAKFI
7 - 9 TEHRAN ROUDAKI HALL
11 - 13 BAALBEK BAALBEK FESTIVAL
22 - 28 PARIS THEATRE CHAMPS ELYSEES

FYI: TIME, NEWSWEEK, NEW YORKER AND N. Y TIMES REVIEWS
STRONGLY REINFORCE NEGATIVE EVALUATION OF DEPT DANCE PANEL.
END FYI. KISSINGER

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